

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, announced \$1.6 million for a joint program between the Rochester Institute of Technology and Delphi Automotive Systems that aims to apply fuel cell technology into Department of Defense power systems.

Fuel cells can provide quiet, flexible, and fuel-efficient operation that makes them suitable for use in "stealth" vehicles or quiet portable power systems. RIT and Delphi's work will aim to improve the fuel cell's reliability, durability, and cost

"I'm so pleased to provide funding for a productive partnership between RIT and Delphi," said Slaughter. "The fuel cell sector is an emerging growth market that could generate an estimated \$15 billion in revenue globally over the next ten years and the collaboration between RIT and Delphi has the potential to cement Rochester as a hub of knowledge-based jobs developing tomorrow's energy solutions."

Funding came from the Defense Appropriations Act which includes a 3.4% pay raise for our military and continues to pay our troops an additional \$500 for every month their term of service is involuntarily extended by the practice of stop loss. Slaughter voted today to invest more than \$29 billion in the Defense Health Program and boost funding to support our military families with programs like child care, job training for spouses, and expanded counseling services.

Passage of today's Defense Appropriations Act marks the last of FY2010's appropriations.